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EXTERNAL SKIN PATCH

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to calculating the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, immediately after the title, please insert:

This application is a 371 of PCT/JP00/07451 filed October 25, 2000.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

3. (Amended) An external skin patch according to claim 1, in which the nonsteroidal

A2 antiphlogistic analgesic agent comprises one or more kinds of compounds selected from the group consisting of indomethacin, ketoprofen, piroxicam, felbinac, bufexamac, suprofen, flurbiprofen, diclofenac, ibuprofen and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

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